

MINUTES
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF YORK

Adjourned Meeting
March 13, 2001

6:30 p.m.

Meeting Convened. An Adjourned Meeting of the York County Board of Supervisors was called to order at 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, March 13, 2001, in the East Room, York Hall, by Chairman James S. Burgett.

Attendance. The following members of the Board of Supervisors were present: Walter C. Zarembo, Sheila S. Noll, Donald E. Wiggins, and James S. Burgett.

H. R. Ashe was absent.

Also in attendance were James O. McReynolds, County Administrator; and James E. Barnett, County Attorney.

PHASE II—WIRELESS E911 EFFORT (Not on Agenda)

Mr. McReynolds stated that the County entered into an agreement some time ago for the implementation of the wireless E911 system, and Phase I has now been completed. The County will be notifying the providers that York is ready to begin implementing Phase II. He noted that York County was the first locality in the state to implement Phase I, and it will be the first to implement Phase II.

FUTURE WORK SESSIONS (Not on Agenda)

Mr. McReynolds indicated the following work sessions were proposed, and he asked the Board members to let him know of any changes so that they may be included in the Board's calendar:

April 24 – Joint Meeting with the Planning Commission

April 28 – Goals and Objectives Session

May 8 – Joint Meeting with the Industrial Development Authority with a presentation
on the Aviation's World Fair

A brief discussion followed regarding the Aviation's World Fair and concerns of the residents as well as the responsibilities and expectations of the County.

PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2002 BUDGET

Mr. McReynolds noted that at its meeting last evening the School Board adopted its proposed budget for FY2002. He also noted the School Board was very complimentary of the Board of Supervisors and its staff for the support and additional funding provided over that which was

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originally projected. He then reviewed the information packet provided to the Board members on March 6 concerning the FY2002 General Fund Summary showing changes from FY2001.

Mr. Ashe arrived at 6:36 p.m.

Mr. Zaremba asked what impact would the state shortfall have on County operations.

Mr. McReynolds stated there would be level funding from the state, so staff has anticipated no growth and the same funding from the state as it received in FY2001. The staff does not expect any direct impact from the Governor's budget, but the Board was cautioned that in some areas the services that are not mandated may be at risk.

Mrs. Noll indicated she had found out today that the library system was exempted from a proposed 15 percent reduction in library funding.

Mr. Wiggins asked what were some of the non-mandated services.

Mrs. Anne B. Smith, Director of Community Services, stated that everything in Social Services was mandated, but there was a General Relief category that could be at risk. The majority of state funding is pass-through money from the federal government in Medicaid, and state mental health facilities are at risk. Other non-mandated areas that could be affected are home repair and water projects for low income residents.

Mr. Ashe mentioned the \$148,000 for extra policemen and asked if it was a declining amount.

Mr. McReynolds explained that it was. Over a three-year period the funding will be phased out.

Mr. Ashe asked if there was funding in this program for assistance to police officers for home financing within the community.

Mr. Wiggins indicated that program was through the Community Criminal Justice Board.

Mr. McReynolds stated the County would probably be increasing the staffing for the Sheriff's Office anyway. This program helps the County pay the cost today.

Further discussion followed on the possible state shortfall for non-mandated services because of the Governor's budget.

Mr. McReynolds then reviewed the expenditure side of the summary.

Discussion followed concerning the General Fund personnel costs increases and the market adjustment and step increases. Also discussed was the change in the funding formula for the Peninsula Alliance for Economic Development.

Mrs. Noll asked if the County could expect any more funding from the federal government because of the new census figures.

Mr. McReynolds indicated he did not think so, but there might be some impact in 2003.

Mr. Zaremba stated he felt it was important to note that the County has not changed its tax rate in the last seven years, but it didn't mean the amount of taxes has not risen because of the assessments that have taken place over the years.

Mr. McReynolds then reviewed the format of the budget documents provided to the Board.

Mr. Zaremba inquired as to whether or not the budget information as presented this evening was on the web site and whether or not other jurisdictions had their information on the web.

Mr. McReynolds stated both budget documents were on the County's web site for citizens to use, but he was not aware of what other jurisdictions had done.

A brief discussion followed concerning the redistricting process based on the new census figures.

CLOSED MEETING. At 7:44 p.m. Mr. Wiggins moved that the Board convene in Closed Meeting in accordance with Section 2.1-344(a)(7) of the Code of Virginia in order to consult with legal counsel on a specific legal matter.

On roll call the vote was:

Yea: (5) Zaremba, Noll, Wiggins, Ashe, Burgett
Nay: (0)

Meeting Reconvened. At 8:07 p.m. the meeting was reconvened in open session by order of the Chair.

Mrs. Noll moved the adoption of proposed Resolution SR-1 that reads:

A RESOLUTION TO CERTIFY COMPLIANCE WITH THE FREEDOM
OF INFORMATION ACT REGARDING MEETING IN CLOSED SES-
SION

WHEREAS, the York County Board of Supervisors has convened a closed meeting on this date pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote and in accordance with the provisions of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act; and

WHEREAS, Section 2.1-344.1 of the Code of Virginia requires a certification by the York County Board of Supervisors that such closed meeting was conducted in conformity with Virginia law;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the York County Board of Supervisors this the 13th day of March, 2000, hereby certifies that, to the best of each member's knowledge, (1) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements by Virginia law were discussed in the closed meeting to which this certification resolution applies, and (2) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion convening the closed meeting were heard, discussed, or considered by the York County Board of Supervisors.

On roll call the vote was:

Yea: (5) Noll, Wiggins, Ashe, Zaremba, Burgett
Nay: (0)

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Meeting Adjourned. At 8:10 p.m. Mr. Ashe moved that the meeting adjourned to 7:00 p.m., Thursday, March 15, 2001, in the Board Room, York Hall, for the purpose of conducting public hearings on the proposed FY2002 Budget and 2001 Tax Rates.

On roll call the vote was:

Yea: (5) Wiggins, Ashe, Zaremba, Noll, Burgett
Nay: (0)

James O. McReynolds, Clerk
York County Board of Supervisors

James S. Burgett, Chairman
York County Board of Supervisors